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In re application of:

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**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT
AND PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME
UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)**

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Sir:

Applicant hereby petitions for a two month extension of time to respond to the Office Action mailed January 2, 2008, thereby extending the time period within which to respond to April 2, 2008.

This is a response to the Restriction Requirement of January 2, 2008 in which the prior species election requirement which Applicant responded to as requested, electing claims 1-11, 14 and 15, were further subdivided into 8 additional categories, requiring further election. Applicant further elects to prosecute Group 1, comprising Claims 1-3 with traverse.

Upon allowance of a generic claim, Applicant will seek to reintroduce claims which are withdrawn from examination based upon the present election as well as the prior election. It is submitted that the outstanding Restriction Requirement unduly parcels the claims into separate groups. Applicant is entitled to a reasonable number of dependent claims to further characterize their invention. It is not believed that the claims, as presented, impose an undue search or examination burden, however, it is anticipated that these issues will be rendered moot

by the allowance of a generic claim and the reintroduction of the claims withdrawn from examination at the present time.

Prompt and favorable consideration of this application is requested. If the Examiner notes any minor errors, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned so that the matter can be promptly handled by Examiner's amendment.

Please charge the two month extension of time fee and any additional fees or credit any overpayments as a result of the filing of this paper to our Deposit Account No. 02-3978.

Respectfully submitted,
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